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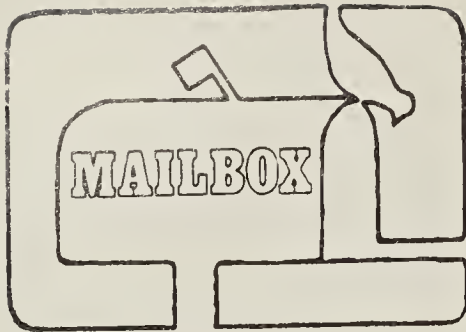
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### Scrambled Satellite TV Signals: "I Don't Think That's Fair!"

I read Mr. Paul Wesslund's editorial in *Carolina Country* (September) and I liked it. I've always wanted to watch cable TV in my own home, but we can't even get cable in my area. It's in some of the areas. I don't think that's fair. I'm willing to pay \$10 a month for co-op satellite TV service.

Elsie M. Hayes  
Rt. 1, Colerain

### Seeks A Print Of August Cover Photo

I'd like to order a print of the bumble bee flying above the Morning Glory blossom on the cover of the August, 1986, issue of *Carolina Country*. How may I get one?

Your magazine has such pretty covers each month, plus lots of information and ideas for everyone.

M. Bright  
Jacksonville

For information about prints of the photo, write to the photographer: Linn D. Garibaldi, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 103E, Marshville, NC 28103.

### Would Mexico Receive Decoded Satellite TV Programming?

I have been interested in your articles about co-ops offering decoded satellite TV programming. We live in Mexico part of the year and wondered if something like this might be available for people there.

James G. Moore  
Rt. 1, Blowing Rock

The formation of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) was simply a first step toward making such programming available to satellite dish owners in rural areas. The national co-op is negotiating with cable TV programmers to provide this kind of service through local electric and telephone coop-

eratives. Whether the service is available in a given area will depend on whether it's offered by a co-op in that area.

### Article Generates Interest In SHIIP Insurance Program

Thank you so much for including a feature on the Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) in your October issue. I was extremely pleased with such an excellent article.

Since the issue's distribution, we have received numerous letters from seniors across the state. The publicity proved to be a most useful tool in reaching the seniors.

Again thank you for your help and support.

Mickey Hanula  
N.C. Department of Insurance  
Raleigh

For more information about the SHIIP program, write to Mrs. Hanula at SHIIP,

N.C. Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 26387, Raleigh, NC 27611. Due to a typographical error, the address that appeared in the original article was incorrect.

### Wants "Several Prints" Of Painting On October Cover

I am interested in buying several prints of "Chipmunks and Lady Slippers" by Patsy Lassiter, which was on the cover of the October *Carolina Country*.

Cathy Ramsey  
Charlotte

Ms. Lassiter had not arranged for prints to be done of the painting when it was reproduced on the magazine cover. However, she may be interested in doing so if enough readers express an interest in such prints. Write to her at 4433 Windtree Road, Wilmington, NC 28403.

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## U.S. Facing Uncertain Energy Future

*This editorial was excerpted from a recent address by Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.*

You don't have to be a swami with psychic powers to realize that the key question affecting our future is: What is going to happen to energy prices? Are prices going to continue to go down or is this the lull that precedes the storm of another round of increases?

My personal view is that it is the latter.

This is but a brief interlude. My conclusion is based upon the simple fact that every day more than 50 million barrels of oil and large quantities of natural gas still are being consumed worldwide.

Since these are finite fossil fuels, that means that every day we are depleting these precious earthly resources ever more. I do not believe that the economics of this situation, along with the instability of foreign oil producing nations, adds up to continued low prices.

Looking at the electric utility side of the energy equation, several factors are also obvious. Not too long ago,

many of us thought—indeed, were almost certain—that growth of nuclear power development would move to the forefront and relieve the pressure on oil and natural gas usage.

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Today, America has 100 completed nuclear plants. In 1985, they supplied 16 percent of the electricity used in our country. But the construction of nuclear plants in the U.S. is winding down.

Unfortunately, fate with a helping hand from humankind often has a way of turning “certainty” into gloom.

Now, no responsible electric utility leader to my knowledge is predicting that a new nuclear power plant will be built in the U.S. in this century. In fact, present plans are only to complete those units under construction. That leaves us with coal as the principal fuel as the basis for power generation in the near term. And I don't have to tell you that it has its own special set of environmental problems, such as acid rain.

This is the way that it seems to add up at the moment, recognizing the limitations on further hydropower development and (I'll stick my neck out a little) that there will be important breakthroughs in the laboratory and on the drafting tables that will profoundly affect us all in the energy business in future years.

Despite the somewhat dark picture that I have painted, there are some exciting developments underway in power generation about which I for one am quite optimistic.

Substantial headway is being made in development of the fuel cell, as well as in the fluidized bed process for burning coal. For small electric systems, such as rural electric coop-

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eratives, the fuel cell is a most interesting concept. It would mean that small, self-contained generating modular units of up to 11 megawatts, highly efficient and environmentally acceptable, would be available.

Even though gloom and doom presently cloud the future of large nuclear plant construction, there is a streak of light on the horizon. The Electric Power Research Institute is engaged in a program to produce an improved version of light water reactors that will be much simpler, more reliable and include smaller sizes. This advanced light water reactor could be the basis for a new generation of nuclear plants.

In the longer term, modular gas and liquid metal reactors offer promise for small, safer and self-contained units in the range of 50 to 200 megawatts. These kinds of developmental initiatives, geared to a changing economy and population, merit our support and encouragement.

At the same time, we have to deal with problems of the moment and use our talents to overcome them as best as we can.

One that is causing us particular concern is the problem of excess generation. We have an overabun-

dance of kilowatts, millions of them going unused ....

In rural electrification, the investment has been made, the repayment clock is running, but a number of generation and transmission co-op plants stand idle. However, we are not alone in this dilemma.

*Electric Light & Power*, the national publication of the investor-owned utilities, recently reported that "the five-year financial recovery of the nation's largest investor-owned electric utility companies skidded to a virtual halt in 1985 .... It was the most dismal year for the top 100 electric utilities collectively since *Electric Light & Power* launched the annual Top 100 Series 21 years ago."

Little wonder that the utility industry overall has few power plants on the drawing board and even fewer under construction. This situation has prompted the fear among some leaders that the U.S. is gambling with the future—courting a future power crisis, considering the fact that it takes so long to plan and build a modern power plant ....

I am a relative newcomer to the electric utility business. But on the basis of my experience thus far ... I believe that the industry would make a grave mistake if it took the view that the utility business will go on as usual .... I subscribe to the adage that the future belongs to those who move to meet it and that is what we must do.

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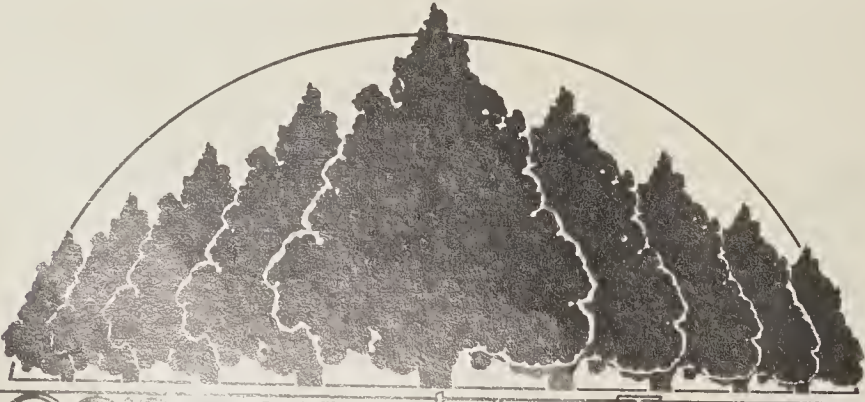
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# Pin Design Chosen In Competition

A member of the Women's Committee of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro, has won a statewide contest to select the design for a new pin that will be worn by members of such women's committees throughout the state.

The winning design was submitted by Peggy Brake of Rt. 2, Battleboro, who has been an active member of the co-op's Women's Committee for the past eight years.

Mrs. Brake currently serves as chairman of the committee and represents the group on the State-wide EMC Women's Advisory Committee.



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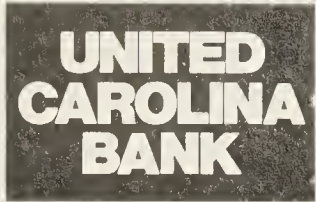
Her design features a circle over-set with the outline of the state of North Carolina, a lightning bolt symbolizing EMC power and the figure of a woman.

Mrs. Brake's design was selected from among 13 entries in the competition at the 1986 EMC Women's Fall Forum in Charlotte.

"I designed the pin, but my son, the artist in the family, put it on paper for me," Mrs. Brake said.

The pins, which will be done in gold, green and black, will be made available to EMC Women's Committee members and EMC employees later this fall.

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## **Alleghany Family Honored For Conservation Efforts**

An Alleghany County family has been selected as North Carolina's outstanding family in soil and water conservation work for 1986.

Dr. Maurice Cook, an extension soil scientist at N.C. State University, said the J. Page Evans family of Rt. 2, Sparta, has been selected for the honor "because of their hard work, common sense and innovative ways of doing things."

The family consists of J. Page and Loraine Evans and their two sons and daughters-in-law: Bobby and Kathy Evans and Alvin and Cindy Evans.

Cook is state coordinator for the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation, which sponsors the awards program with assistance from the DuPont Company.

The Evans farm, which has 300 dairy cattle and 100 beef cattle, consists of 752 acres of which 256 are in crops, 261 in pasture and 235 in woodland.

The family has adopted no-till planting; established grass waterways and field borders; installed an environmentally sound dairy waste management system; practiced strip-cropping and contour planting; established wildlife habitats and followed good forestry, fish pond and forage management procedures.

## **Rutherford EMC Receives REA Loan For Project**

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City, has received a \$6.8 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration to help finance an expansion project.

The project involves building 314 miles of distribution line to serve about 4,000 new consumers and building one mile of transmission line. The co-op will also improve existing distribution lines, build two substations and make other systemwide improvements.

A \$3 million loan from the Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance

Corporation will also be used to finance the project.

The EMC serves about 37,000 consumer-members in Rutherford, McDowell, Polk, Cleveland, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston Counties.

## **Farm and Home Show Slated In Smithfield**

The 10th Annual Central Carolina Farm and Home Trade Show is scheduled for Dec. 3-4 at the Carolina Farmers Cooperative Warehouse in Smithfield.

Country singer Del Reeves will perform at the show each day at 7 p.m.

There will be no admission charge.

The event, which will feature agricultural equipment, supplies and services as well as arts, crafts and household appliances, will be open each day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, write or call the show office at P.O. Box 1457, Smithfield, NC 27577. Phone: (919) 934-5003.

## **Yule Events Set At Tryon Palace**

Tryon Palace in New Bern and other historic buildings nearby will be decorated in the colonial Yuletide tradition when the facilities are open for special Christmas season tours, Dec. 6-21.

The holiday celebration is scheduled for Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Candlelight tours are slated from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 6, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20.

Daytime visitors will be treated to a steaming wassail bowl and ginger cookies in the 1850-era Commission House.

A bagpiper in traditional Scottish kilt will greet visitors at the palace's main gate. Dancers will perform the minuet to period music in the palace Council Chamber.

Tickets for both daylight and evening tours are \$8 for adults and \$3

for children. Children under six are admitted without charge. Discounts are available for pre-arranged tours of 20 or more.

For more information, write or call Tryon Palace, Events Office, P.O. Box 1007, New Bern, NC 28560. Phone: (919) 638-1560.

## **Chatham County Man Gets Statewide Post**

A director for Central Electric Membership Corporation, Sanford, has been named to the Board of Directors of the central purchasing and materials supply operation of the statewide organization of EMCs.

Henry E. Jones of Rt. 3, Pittsboro was appointed to the nine-member board of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, Inc. He succeeds Bob McDuffie, manager of Randolph EMC, Asheboro, who resigned earlier this year.

Jones, who has been a director at Central EMC for the past eight years, serves as president of that board.

## **Tar Heel Teachers Get National Honors**

Two North Carolina teachers have been selected to receive 1986 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

They are John A. Goebel, a math teacher at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham; and Valeria J. Alston, a chemistry teacher at Vance Senior High School in Henderson.

Each winner receives \$5,000 to be used as he or she pleases at his school.

## **Brunswick EMC Establishes Telecommunications Service**

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Shallotte, has become the first electric cooperative in North Carolina to establish a telecommunications service for consumers.

The service is being provided by a newly formed subsidiary of the EMC, the Rural Consumer Service Corpor-



ation, according to David Batten, manager of Brunswick EMC.

The new corporation is a non-profit operation that is not owned by the EMC, he said. It is being managed by the co-op under a management services contract.

A 12-foot satellite dish has been installed at the co-op's headquarters to provide the new service, which will offer tele-conferencing for groups on a scheduled basis as well as bi-directional communications.

Batten, who is a director of the new National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), said the subsidiary may also offer descramblers and a programming package for satellite TV dish owners under a program being developed by NRTC.

## Agency Offers Access Guide To Parks, Recreation Areas

A state agency is currently offering a free booklet that describes North Carolina's recreation areas in terms of their accessibility for individuals with developmental disabilities, physical handicaps and other conditions requiring special assistance.

The booklet, *Access Guide To Parks and Recreation in North Carolina For People Who Need Special Assistance*, was prepared by Hank Anderson and Becky Stone.

For a copy, call or write the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611. Phone: (919) 733-4181.

## Cover: Seasonal Photo By Jeffrey Hutcherson

This autumn-season shot was made by Jeffrey Hutcherson of Raleigh, who is a technician with K. D. Zotter Contemporary Photographers in Raleigh.

Hutcherson said he took the shot along the Blue Ridge Parkway near Sparta.

## Energy Information Offered By Agency

An agency based in Montana is offering information on energy conservation and renewable energy through a nationwide toll-free hotline.

The National Appropriate Technology Assistance Service operates under contract to the U.S. Department of Energy to distribute energy information—much of it tailored to the specific needs of those requesting the data.

The service's toll-free number is 1-800-428-2525, which operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Standard Time except for federal holidays. Its address is NATAS, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2525, Butte, Mt. 59702-2525.

## Gastonia Museum Sets Yule Season Programs

Two special holiday events have been scheduled at the Schiele Museum Pioneer Farm in Gastonia during the coming weeks.

Harvest Day on Nov. 23 will feature a recreation of a back country farm's harvest celebration in the year 1786. The event is set for 1 to 5 p.m.

A Colonial Christmas and Candlelighting is set for Dec. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. to recreate the Yule celebrations of a bygone era. Participants are invited to bring a candle and join in the candlelight service at dusk.

For more information, write or call Kay Moss, P.O. Box 953, Gastonia, NC 28053. Phone: (704) 864-3962.

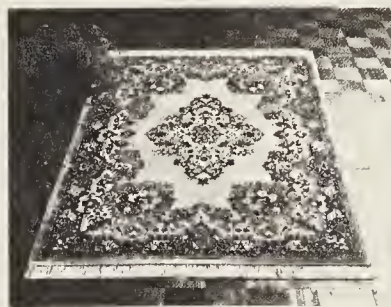
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## Oral History Book Gets National Award

*Living History*, a book published by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C.AEC) last year to mark the 50th Anniversary of the nation's rural electric program, has won a first-place trophy in a national competition.



The book, which combined photos and quotes from oral history interviews recalling the early years of the co-op program, won a Gold Circle Award from the American Society of Association Executives.

It was the top honor in the contest's category for one-time publications by associations with more than 15 full-time staff members.

The 71-page paperback book was

compiled from interviews with various North Carolinians, who described life in rural areas of the state before electrification and the joy that rural people experienced when they finally "got lights."

The interviews were part of an oral history project sponsored by N.C. AEC, with assistance from a grant provided by the North Carolina Humanities Committee.

Copies of the book are still available for \$4.95 each, including postage and handling. Orders should be sent to *Living History*, N.C. AEC, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

## Attractions Schedule Holiday Season Events

Five attractions in the Historic Albemarle Tour area of Eastern North Carolina have slated special holiday season events:

- Historic Blount-Bridgers House in Tarboro will hold a Christmas

Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6.

- Light refreshments and entertainment will be featured at historic buildings in Edenton during a Christmas Open House Dec. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m.

- The 1763 King-Bazemore House at Hope Plantation will be open to the public for its first Christmas season as part of the plantation's Christmas Open House Dec. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m.

- Special music is scheduled as part of the Christmas Open House at Historic Bath on Dec. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m.

- Music, a Yule bonfire and a candle tour of historic buildings will be featured during the Christmas On The Green at Historic Halifax Dec. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, write or call Albemarle Tour, Inc., P.O. Box 759, Edenton, NC 27932. Phone: (919) 482-7325.

# Eleven EMCs Elect 38 Directors

A total of 36 incumbents and two newcomers have been elected to the Boards of Directors of 11 North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op annual meetings:

**Albemarle EMC**, Hertford—Re-elected was Joseph A. Byrum of Tyner. Newcomers elected to the board for the first time were Garry W. Meiggs of Star Rt. 2, Camden and Charles H. Mathews of Rt. 5, Hertford.

**Central EMC**, Sanford—Re-elected were James B. Brooks of Rt. 2, Siler City; L. Frank Comer Jr. of Sanford and Edith C. Cox of Rt. 2, Cameron.

**Surry-Yadkin EMC**, Johnson—Re-elected were Ralph W. Bennet of Rt. 1, State Road; J. O. Gentry of Rt. 1, Roaring River and J. C. Brooks of

Rt. 1, Yadkinville.

**Union EMC**, Monroe—Re-elected were Boyd C. Haigler of Monroe; Ralph E. Johnson of Charlotte and William R. Wilson of Rt. 1, Richfield.

**Carteret-Craven EMC**, Morehead City—Re-elected were R. W. Jones of Rt. 1, Newport; Joel Henry Davis Jr. of Rt. 2, Newport and Roy E. McCabe of Rt. 1, Havelock.

**Cape Hatteras EMC**, Buxton—Re-elected were John R. Hooper of Buxton, Herbert L. Oden of Hatteras and Elvin L. Hooper of Salvo.

**Four County EMC**, Burgaw—Re-elected were W. A. Settlemyer of Rt. 1, Riegelwood; James T. Hollingsworth of Rt. 1, Willard; Bertice Lanier of Rt. 1, Maple Hill and H. Linwood Royal Jr. of White Oak.

**Lumber River EMC**, Red Springs—Re-elected were J. W.

Hunt of Rt. 1, Fairmont; Timothy Strickland of Rt. 3, Maxton; James Hardin of Fayetteville and Gus Bullard of Rt. 2, Maxton.

**Crescent EMC**, Statesville—Re-elected were Shirley L. Johnson of Rt. 14, Statesville; R. L. Seaford of Rt. 3, Mocksville; J. Sidney Burris of Rt. 2, Huntersville and Eugene Dellinger of Rt. 3, Denver.

**Davidson EMC**, Lexington—Re-elected were Hassell B. Gann of Rt. 1, Mayodan; Jack J. Myers of Rt. 15, Lexington and N. Mack Shoaf of Rt. 5, Winston-Salem.

**Brunswick EMC**, Shallotte—Re-elected were Frederick A. Tedder of Rt. 1, Hallsboro; Kenneth Bellamy of Southport; Edgar P. Duncan of Rt. 3, Tabor City; W. D. Frink of Rt. 1, Ash and Robert G. Ward of Rt. 1, Winnabow.



## Hope Mills School Wins Fitness Award

Rockfish Elementary School in Hope Mills has been named the winner of the 1986 Governor's Award for Fitness.

The Cumberland County school was cited for its achievements in a statewide program encouraging schools to establish creative exercise programs.

The school will receive a trophy and a \$300 cash award to be used to buy exercise equipment.

In presenting the award, State Human Resources Secretary Phillip J. Kirk Jr. praised the school for its outstanding fitness program, which he said "motivates students to be

physically fit through daily exercise."

The program is sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health along with the N.C. Dairy Products Association.

## Tar Heel Teachers Get National Honors

Two North Carolina teachers have been selected to receive 1986 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

They are John A. Goebel, a math teacher at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham; and Valeria J. Alston, a chemistry teacher at Vance Senior High School in Henderson.

Each winner receives \$5,000 to be used as he pleases at his school.

## Farm-City Festival Set In Washington County

About 90 craftsmen are scheduled to participate in the Washington County Farm-City Festival in Roper Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the crafts, the event will feature a petting zoo and entertainment by area high school bands, gospel groups and a dance school.

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Devon Williams, warehouseman at the EMCs' central purchasing and supply facility in Raleigh, collects materials to be shipped out to one of the EMCs.



## Marking A Decade Of Dependable Service

North Carolina EMCs' materials supply co-op has become a major distribution system, but its purpose is unchanged after 10 years: to keep the EMCs running smoothly and to save them money through bulk purchasing

North Carolina's electric cooperatives passed a major milestone earlier this year, but they never even paused to enjoy the moment in celebration.

It was just business as usual for the co-ops' own statewide materials purchasing and supply operation, which opened its doors 10 years ago.

The low-key approach to the anniversary reflects the philosophy that has guided the distribution system

through its first decade of steady and dependable service to the state's 28 Electric Membership Corporations.

"This is a low-key operation by design," said Manager Lewis Hobson. "There is no need for fanfare. We're known for providing quality materials at competitive prices with quick delivery—all in the interest of keeping the EMCs' running smoothly."

The central purchasing and supply

service operates out of a warehouse in Raleigh, dispatching truckloads of essential nuts-and-bolts items daily to meet the needs of the EMCs.

As a result, the local co-ops have been able to enjoy lower prices on many items because of bulk purchasing arrangements.

"Our cooperatives also have the luxury of maintaining much smaller inventories of their own because they

### TEMA Milestones/ 1975-1985

1975	1976	1979	1981
Charter granted	TEMA opens for business; generates annual sales of \$8 million.	Inventory reaches an average of \$2 million. Shipments rise to 58.3 percent of total sales.	Annual revenues reach \$1.1 million; supplies shipped total 12 million pounds.





Judy Pearce, a senior sales coordinator with Tarheel Electric Membership Association, checks inventory control listings on a computer while taking an order from one of North Carolina's EMCs. The operation's annual sales have grown from \$8 in its first year to \$22 million in 1985. (Photos by Associate Editor Dan Cook.)

know we're here with supplies available on a 24-hour-delivery basis," Hobson said.

In addition, the distribution service operates as a cooperative of cooperatives, which means that each member EMC receives "capital credits" from the operation's margins each year, just as the EMCs' consumer-members share in co-op margins on a regular basis.

Capital credits are distributed to the participating EMCs on a 10-year rotating cycle, retiring 20 percent of the margin each year. The other 80 percent is used as working capital.

The idea of electric cooperatives joining forces to serve their own materials needs was fairly new in 1974 when Tar Heel EMC leaders began considering it. It had been tried with some success in other states and some North Carolina co-ops had done joint purchasing on a regional basis.

Still, the directors and staff of the statewide EMC organization studied the concept at length before making

the commitment to start the supply service.

"Once that commitment was made, the operation received strong support from the member EMCs," Hobson said. "In fact, they provided about one-third of the seed money that was required to get the service started."



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The service was established as a division of the statewide EMC organization, a trade association based in Raleigh. Purchasing and supply func-

tions were placed under a separate corporation, Tarheel Electric Membership Association, Inc. (TEMA).

As these plans were evolving, the statewide organization moved into its own building for the first time—a facility which had warehouse space to serve TEMA's needs.

"The EMCs supported the materials program so well that the first warehouse proved to be inadequate within a matter of months," Hobson said.

After only a year, TEMA's sales already matched those of another state's co-op distribution service, which was in its fourth year of operation.

Due to the rapid growth, TEMA moved into its own facilities, where the program remains based after a decade of service to the EMCs.

TEMA's annual sales have risen from \$8 million in 1976 to \$22 million in 1985. However, its workforce has grown only slightly in that period.

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1982	1983	1984	1985
Inventory processing requirements reduced by 100 man-hours; sales lag due to slow down in construction across North Carolina.	Flow of materials rises 30 percent over 1982. Capital credits of \$166,682 retired.	Inventory turns over every 68 days.	Inventory turns over every 55 days; annual revenues total \$21.8 million.



## Marking A Decade Of Dependable Service

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There were seven employees on board in 1976 compared to 13 full-time employees now.

"We're here to serve the EMCs and to do it as efficiently as possible," said Larry Hicks, TEMA's director of purchasing. "We've been able to stay lean because we share accounting functions with the other divisions of the statewide organization and because we've computerized a lot of functions."

Computers are the heart of TEMA's daily processing system, as orders come in by phone from across the state for immediate keyboarding into a central inventory control program.

The telephones and computers become a lifeline of sorts during emergencies that interrupt the flow of power from the EMCs to their consumer-members.

TEMA becomes a coordination center in those circumstances, operating around-the-clock service to get needed supplies into the hands of emergency crews who're trying to restore electric service.

Under an Emergency Work Plan adopted by the EMCs, TEMA serves as a disaster control center, coordinating responses to distress calls from the co-ops, Hobson said.

"If there's a hurricane causing outages along the coast, the co-ops there will call us when they need extra help. We then call other EMCs, asking them to send spare crews and equipment to help out wherever they're needed."

The EMCs demonstrate their cooperative spirit in responding to such emergencies, but that spirit is also in evidence in TEMA's day-to-day affairs.

"It's this kind of spirit that has allowed TEMA to survive—and to flourish," Hobson said. "By working together in this way, over the years, the EMCs have saved themselves—and their consumer-members—thousands of dollars on materials while also improving their efficiency. This is certainly no small achievement."

## Officials Of Nine EMCs Oversee TEMA Operations

Four managers and five directors from Electric Membership Corporations across the state are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the operations of the EMCs' statewide central purchasing and materials system.

The group meets regularly to set policies for the management of Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA), a cooperative venture involving all 28 of the state's EMCs.

"When TEMA was organized, the decision was made that its board ought to be small for efficiency—but represent all of the EMCs in some way," said Jim Hubbard, executive vice president of the statewide EMC organization, which includes TEMA.

As a result, members of TEMA's board are elected by regions from among delegates representing the various co-ops, Hubbard said. Terms are staggered so that three seats are up for election each year. Elections are held at the annual meeting of the statewide organization each spring.

The EMC managers who serve on the current TEMA board are: H. Eugene Clayborne of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City; Glenn A. Carowan of Tideland EMC, Pantego; James E. Mangum Jr. of Wake EMC, Wake Forest and Gary A. Whitener of Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

EMC directors serving on the TEMA board are: Henry E. Jones of Rt. 3, Pittsboro, a director of Central EMC, Sanford; Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Hassell B. Gann of Rt. 1, Mayodan, a director of Davidson EMC, Lexington; R. W. Blanchard of Rt. 1, Turkey, a director of Four County EMC, Burgaw and Richard H. Johnson of Rt. 4, Wadesboro, a director of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro.

Johnson serves as president of the board. Cockerham is vice president and Mangum is secretary-treasurer.

### EMC ANNUAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
<b>Nov.</b>			
13	Pitt & Greene, Farmville	Registration: 6:45 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Farmville Central High School Auditorium
<b>Dec.</b>			
5	Tideland, Pantego	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Arapahoe Elementary School, Arapahoe



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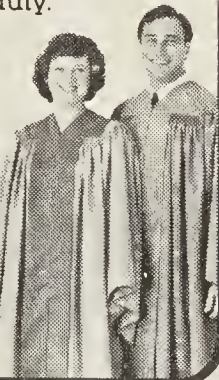
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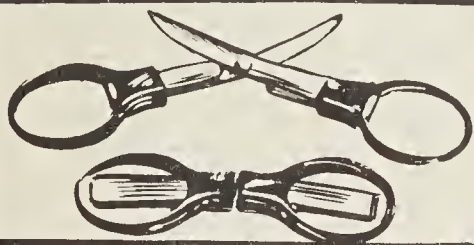
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# Seagrove's Resurgence

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## Pottery-Making Has Become A Thriving Rural Industry For This Piedmont Community

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If the Seagrove pottery industry could get a health check-up, chances are the rural industry would pass with flying colors—despite its senior citizen status.

After drawing national attention to North Carolina's Piedmont region for generations, the industry is healthy and thriving in the 1980s.

Its condition is due in part to the efforts of a pottery teacher, a transplanted Yankee and a couple who encourage young potters to practice the craft.

- The teacher: Mike Feree, who heads the pottery production program at Montgomery Technical College (MTC) in Troy, one of two such programs in North Carolina. (The other is offered by Haywood Technical College in Haywood County.)

- The transplanted Yankee: Richard Gilson, who came to the Seagrove area 10 years ago from New York. He oversees the annual Seagrove Pottery Festival.

- The couple: Dorothy and Walter Auman, traditional potters who have been mentors to many young craftsmen.

In Feree's classes at MTC, students must develop enough skill, speed and consistency to make a living producing pottery.

"A potter must throw 85 to 125 mugs a day of the same size and acceptable uniformity," said Feree.

"This may take from two to ten

years of practice, but this kind of turnout is necessary to make a decent wage."

"I'm about up to buying breakfast," laughed Ann Jorgenson, who commutes to MTC daily from Fayetteville, where her husband is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Two-thirds of the course content at MTC is actual production of pottery to help students develop the skill to make pottery of marketable quality. They learn the techniques of shaping, throwing, glazing, decorating and firing, how to mix different clay bodies and how to build a kiln. They also learn how to set up an efficient operation to sell their wares.

Feree, an Asheboro native who has a master's degree in ceramic design from UNC-G, can draw from experience in guiding his students along these lines. He's a veteran potter whose works have been widely exhibited.

He encourages each student to develop a unique style—a harmony of shaping, glazing and firing—because of the competition they'll face as fledgling potters.

The Seagrove area alone claims 19 pottery shops, some of which have been in business for many years.

"The new potter must develop something a little different from every other potter that will have appeal in the market place," Feree explained.

In addition to taking the one-year pottery course, many students also hone their skills by apprenticing in local potteries while enrolled or after completing the formal training program.

When the program was launched 14 years ago, few young people from the traditional pottery families had an interest in the craft as a career. Many area potters became concerned that the tradition might end.

By offering the course, MTC gave the industry a needed boost.

The late Zedith Teague taught the first class, but Feree has taught the course for the past 12 years.

Over the years, hundreds of students have enrolled—from new high school graduates to retirees. And they've come from everywhere. A total of 38 have completed the program.

"It takes versatility and determination to become a potter," Feree said.

One of Feree's students is Anna King, a native of the Seagrove area who has no family connections with the pottery industry—as far as she knows.

"If your family has always lived here, chances are there's a potter in your background," she added.

She and husband Terry apprentice under Dorothy and Walter Auman, working with earthenware, the type of clay most used by the traditional potters of the area.

"I'm learning so much here at school about working with stoneware and porcelain," she said. "I'm learning which glazes and firing temperatures fit which clays. Now I'm learning the different ways to put a handle on a mug."

Few traditional potters still dig their own clay, but some students dig their own. Most of the clay for the pottery laboratory is bought in dry form. The students learn to mix it to form different clay bodies.

Stoneware, which is fired at a higher temperature than earthenware and becomes watertight and chip-resistant, is the clay most used in the MTC studio.

The students learn how various ingredients produce certain results by glazing test tiles. Then they are ready



Mike Feree, who has been the pottery production instructor at Montgomery Technical College for the past 12 years, finishes the rim of a 30-pound pot.



wood-carving and tin-punching.

A highlight of the festival is an auction featuring one-of-a-kind works donated by participating craftsmen.

Proceeds from the program help finance a permanent museum of North Carolina Traditional Pottery.

Gilson serves as president of a non-profit organization which is promoting the new museum.

The 200-member group already has a site for the facility, which will be dedicated to preserving the state's pottery traditions.

Dorothy Cole Auman and her husband, Walter, have become an important part of those traditions.

Her father, C. C. Cole, collected pottery and she developed an early interest in its history, having visited many potters with her father.

As a result, she has an extensive collection of materials about the craft's history that are in a small museum next to the Auman pottery operation.

Over the years, the Aumans have worked with many apprentices. And they've watched five of them go on to open their own businesses.

"We're glad to have the new potters here," she said, expressing the prevailing attitude of area potters, who see the concentration of shops there as appealing to visitors.

"If the customers don't find what they want in one shop, they are bound to find it before finishing the rounds," she said. "The new kids have made a real contribution. They have saved the face of Seagrove."

While the pottery industry is quite healthy, the craft is not lucrative. And it seldom provides the sole income for the potter families.

"People choose this business because they love to work with clay and sell their own creations," said Feree.

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to experiment and make up their own recipes. One young potter has his formulas on computer.

Students take turns firing the kiln when they have produced enough pottery to make a load.

Graduates of the MTC program have settled all over the country, but Feree counted 10 of his former students among the potters who've set up new shops in the Seagrove area.

In addition to the course of pottery production fundamentals, MTC also offers special Saturday classes on "Pottery for Pleasure," summer programs and advanced workshops for students and potters already in business.

Richard Gilson, owner of Holly Hill Candle Shop and town policeman at Seagrove, was instrumental in organizing the annual Seagrove Pottery Festival—a cooperative venture involving potters throughout the area.

The festival, which began in 1982, is held each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving at Seagrove Elementary School.

To participate, potters and other craftsmen must be approved in advance by a Pottery Festival Board.

Only traditional crafts are eligible for the festival and each must be demonstrated. In addition to pottery, the festival features basket-weaving,



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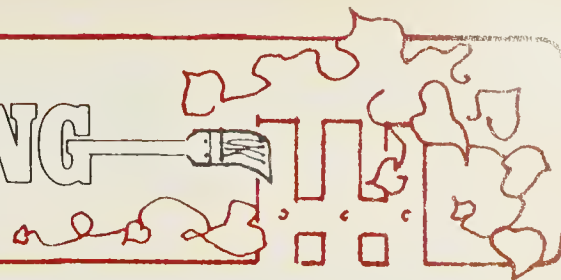
3 Tbsp. flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
¾ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. pepper  
½ to ¾ cup buttered crumbs

Cut up squash and steam on rack until tender. Scoop squash from skin and mash with electric beater (or potato masher) to equal 3 cups. Saute' onion in butter until limp. Add to squash. Beat in egg yolks and milk until smooth. Stir in dry ingredients. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Turn into 6 cup baking dish. Stir in 1 Tbsp. melted butter or margarine into ½ to ¾ cups fine bread crumbs. Sprinkle on top of squash dish. Bake 375 degrees for 25 minutes until lightly browned. (Serves 6-8).

Mrs. Burwash says this dish is a "delicious" addition to holiday dinners and can be prepared a day ahead, refrigerated and reheated before serving.



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# Rapid Growth Charted For "Goodness Grows"

This new N.C. Department of Agriculture program promoting North Carolina products is growing rapidly amid widespread state and national media coverage

"Goodness Grows In North Carolina," a new program to promote consumption of top-quality Tar Heel foodstuffs, has gone through a growth spurt of its own since it was launched a few months ago.

As a result, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture program has already expanded its list of participating producers and stores, which means a wider variety of North Carolina products are displaying the program's distinctive green-and-white emblem.

Meanwhile, special program-related events have generated coverage of the state's products by state and national media outlets.

New products now being sold under the "Goodness Grows" emblem range from traditional sweet potatoes—from the nation's No. 1 yam-producing state—to a spicy pepper relish known as chow-chow.

The yams are products of Farm Pack Produce of Rt. 1, Spring Hope, while the chow-chow is just one product marketed by Golding Farm of Winston-Salem. Golding also markets honey and barbecue sauce.

Other operations now enrolled in the promotion program and the products they sell are: Siler City Mills, pet food; Carolina Turf Farm of Raeford, turf for lawn seeding; Carolina Treet of Wilmington, barbecue sauce; Peregrine Farms of Alamance County, commercial blackberries and raspberries; Milkco of Asheville, dairy products.

Another new participant in the program is Piedmont Seed and Chemical. You'd never know it by the company's name, but the product is popcorn.

Only top-quality products are eligible to bear the "Goodness Grows" label, according to Teresa Ilambv, who coordinates the program for the state agency.

She said if a producer or marketing organization offers several lines of the same type of merchandise—perhaps describing them as "good," "better," and "best,"—only the top line is eligible for the program.

"The idea is that when people see this label on any merchandise, they will know two things: It is produced in North Carolina and it is first quality."

Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham points out that participation is limited to companies "that produce quality

food products using a minimum of 51 percent raw products from this state."

Producers and marketers that were among the earliest registered for the program encompass products originating from points all across the North Carolina map:

Fancy grade apples from Barber Orchards of Waynesville; hydro-

ponic lettuce from Bolton Farms in Oxford; the famous Texas Pete sauces from T. W. Garner Co. in Winston-Salem; eggs from Morning Glory Eggs of Richfield and Springdale Eggs of Rt. 1, New London and dairy products from Pine State Creamery of Raleigh and Coble Dairy Products Cooperative in Lexington.

Both cornmeal products and barbecue sauce come from Lakeside Mills in Seven Springs; pork prod-



ucts from Lundy Packing of Clinton;

tomatoes and European cucumbers from Thomas Greenhouses of Burgaw, lump crabmeat from Osprey Seafood of Washington, NC; blueberries, cucumbers and sweet potatoes from Joseph D. Teachey Jr. Produce Co. of Wallace;

## Panel Must Approve Products That Display Program Emblem

How does a producer get involved in the "Goodness Grows" program? It's not automatic by any means.

Any citizen or firm producing or packaging North Carolina food or related items may apply to use the program's emblem.

They should provide a label currently being used on the product or products.

The producer's application is then reviewed by a committee composed of marketing officials at the N.C. Department of Agriculture, including specialists from various product areas. Once the firm or product is cleared by the committee, it's in the program. There is no charge for enrollment.

Producers who are registered in the program are also eligible for free marketing assistance, promotion in grocery stores and other retail outlets and advertising and public relations assistance.

For more information about the program, write to: Goodness Grows in North Carolina, Division of Marketing, N.C. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611.



yams from Wingfield Farms of Tyner and Christmas trees from Three Oaks Ltd., of Newland.

All these products have received statewide and national attention since the program began.

Lowe's Food Stores, a large retailer in Piedmont North Carolina, has promoted them with full-page newspaper ads and circulars.

Foods from the list have been featured at the Southern Governor's Conference in Charlotte, the international convention of the Soil Conservation Society of America in Winston-Salem and a meeting of the N.C. Farm Writers and Broadcasters.

They've also been spotlighted by television shows in the Wilmington, Raleigh-Durham and Asheville areas.

The program received special media attention recently when a group of food editors and writers from across the nation toured the state for an introduction to many North Carolina products.

The tour lead to coverage by the "Hollywood Chef" television show, Art Ginsburgh's national show and in various newspaper columns, including Merle Ellis' syndicated column on meat.

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## In Auto Accidents

# Drinking Raises Risk Of Injury For Drivers

An old cliché would have you believe that "you can't kill a drunk," based on the belief that intoxicated people are more relaxed and thus safer in accidents.

Not so, says a study that was done at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The study, the largest and most comprehensive ever conducted on the

subject, shows that intoxicated drivers are twice as likely to be seriously injured or killed in automobile accidents as sober drivers involved in comparable mishaps.

Differences in the severity of injuries and the number of deaths between sober and drunk drivers are even greater in crashes at low speeds than at high speeds.

"I grew up being taught that God takes care of babies, fools and drunks," said Dr. Patricia F. Waller, associate director of the UNC Highway Safety Research Center and one of the authors of the study.

"Our data indicate very strongly that you are going to have to remove drunks from that list."

Waller's study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, was based on computer analysis of five years of North Carolina crash data involving more than a million drivers of passenger cars.

"We have known at least since the time of the Old Testament that there is a relationship between alcohol and injury and that people who are intoxicated are more likely to have accidents," Waller said. "But we wanted to look at the relationship more closely to see whether alcohol alone would make injuries more severe or deaths more common when all other factors have been excluded."

In their study, Waller and her colleagues controlled for speed, seat belt use, size of vehicle, drivers' ages, damage to the vehicle, weather conditions, location, time of the accident and many other factors. No matter how they manipulated the data, alcohol remained a strong indicator of the likelihood of death and extent of injuries.

"What this means is that if someone else runs a red light and crashes into you, your chances of being seriously hurt or killed are greater when you've been drinking than when you haven't," she said. "In the worst crashes, the risk is about two-fold; in crashes at slower speeds, the risk is four-fold."

Co-authors of the report are Dr. Alfred R. Hansen, director of emergency services at N.C. Memorial Hospital and assistant professor of surgery at UNC and Dr. J. Richard Stewart, Jane C. Stutts, Carol Popkin and Eric A. Rodgman, all of the Highway Safety Research Center.

## Drunk Driving Can Be Costly Even If There's No Accident

Driving while intoxicated can be a costly mistake—even if it doesn't lead to a traffic accident.

Janice Holm Lloyd, family resource management specialist at North Carolina State University, says the toll for a Driving While Impaired citation starts with a \$100 fine plus court costs.

In addition, the driver's license is automatically revoked for at least 12 months.

"Limited driving privileges may be granted, but only if you had agreed to take a breathalyzer test before you were arrested. If you lose your license, you may have to pay to get around in a taxi or on a bus," Mrs. Lloyd said.

The average attorney's fee for representing a first-offender is \$1,000 in Raleigh, the extension specialist pointed out.

Required enrollment in the Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic School is another \$200.

And, finally, liability insurance rates usually increase at least 460 percent from the time the insurance company receives a notice of a DWI conviction.



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# Allocations Of Hydro Energy To Reduce EMCs' Power Costs

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The agreements involve Haywood EMC, Waynesville; French Broad EMC, Marshall and the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA).

Under the contracts, the co-ops will receive new allocations of capacity and energy from SEPA's Cumberland River hydro projects in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Haywood EMC Manager John Browning estimated that the low-cost hydro power will save his co-op about \$300,000 a year in wholesale power costs. Haywood was allocated 2,400 kilowatts of capacity.

Meanwhile, French Broad EMC Manager Charles Tolley said his co-op's 8,200-KW allocation could reduce power costs by as much as \$1 million a year.

The agreements were signed following three years of negotiations involving SEPA, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Carolina Power and Light Company and the cooperatives.

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# SCRAPBOOK · SCRAPBOOK · SCRAPBOOK

This special edition of Scrapbook features several essays by Betty Martin Polzer of Rt. 1, Holly Ridge, reprinted from her book, *Naked Before The Wind*.

Illustrations, which are from the book, were done by Monica Mary Otcasek.

Mrs. Polzer, who is the mother of five sons and a daughter,

devotes much of her book to recollections of her child-rearing years. She is a retired home economics teacher who now does free-lance writing for Cape Fear area publications.

Copies of her 128-page paperback book may be ordered from the author at Rt. 1, Box 135A, Holly Ridge, NC 28445.

They're priced at \$7.50 each, including postage and handling.

## "How Do You Like Your Eggs, Mom?"

It is seven a.m. Mother stirs contentedly in the warm covers. The house is still. The children remain captives of their beds. Out of the fog slowly rise two choices; sleep a little longer before the day's onslaught or sneak down to the kitchen and wallow in the luxury of an uninterrupted cup of hot coffee.

Smug with self-satisfaction, almost sneaking, she tiptoes down the stairs.

Her two-year-old, looking not unlike a tiny guru in the lotus position, is holding forth at the top of the landing leading down to the family room, a half-empty egg carton poised across his knees.

He is silently studying the free-form composition he has created by tossing five eggs down the stairs to the carpet below.

## "I Did It All By Myself!"



A preschool daughter comes seeking praise and admiration. She has dressed herself for church and rightly deserves generous accolades.

Now heads, shoes, socks must be checked before piling all the kids into the station wagon, rushing against the clock.

Proudly this polished aggregation is marched down the aisle of the church, filing into the pew with all the trite parental admonitions.

That precious little girl, among all those brothers, in front of God and everyone, bends over to pick up her elusive purse. She has neglected to put on her panties.

## Stranded In The Shower Room

All family members are accounted for, packed into the station wagon for the ride home from the local pool. Towels cover the seats, protection from the wet bathing suits.

A second head count reveals that the youngest is missing. The consensus is that he is probably lingering in

the shower room. The pool will soon be locked for the night so whatever personal business he is attending to best be completed with dispatch.

As time passes it becomes apparent that a problem might exist. An older brother volunteers to retrieve the wanderer.

He reappears shortly, wearing a wide grin that gives way to suppressed laughter. He requests a towel.

Little brother is in the shower room, perplexed and naked. He accidentally flushed his swimming trunks down the toilet.



## "The Sound Of Little Feet"

Those words send sugary ripples tripping through the hearts of most expectant parents. The mere suggestion of five pink toes wriggling at the end of a tiny foot can reduce a granite soul to baby powder.

There is, however, one exception. It is I.

The last five times my obstetrician placed a fatherly arm around my shoulders, terror gripped me simultaneously with his pronouncement, "You'll be hearing the sound of little feet again."



Why did he insist on using the words "little feet"? My first baby's feet left me in shock. Once again I would take the only recourse open to one in my frenzied condition. Pray to the Almighty for a child with small feet, even average-size feet. Was that so

much to ask? . . .

For thirty-odd years I have been mother-provider to six pairs of big feet. All the tender, loving care, all the vitamins, all the nutritious food went straight to the rapid growth and development of metatarsels and the flesh surrounding them . . .

Trips to the shoe store were minor disasters for all concerned. The salesman tossed away his trusty size chart. Not one of those kids ever came close to the Bureau of Standards' neat row of statistics.

The store manager only shook his head in disbelief when he was consulted as to the veracity of the foot-measuring device. We were politely asked to depart the cute little chairs in the Children's Department and move into Men and Boys. The move also meant relinquishing the free gift, a Buster Brown coloring book.

There was only one facet of the shopping trip that was a sure thing. You could "make book" on it. We would not walk out of the store with new shoes. Our final selections were never in stock in our size. "We'll have to order them for you . . ."

I never knew the "sound of little feet," but I must concede that big feet are matched by equally big hearts.

So what if "their feet" are too big? There is more of each one to love. But couldn't the Association of Shoe Manufacturers at least offer me a Certificate of Merit? How about a free pair of shoes?

## Gone Fishin'

A four-year old begs to accompany an older brother and his buddies on a fishing venture at the brook in the woods. The more reasons that are set forth to discourage the younger child, the more insistent he becomes.

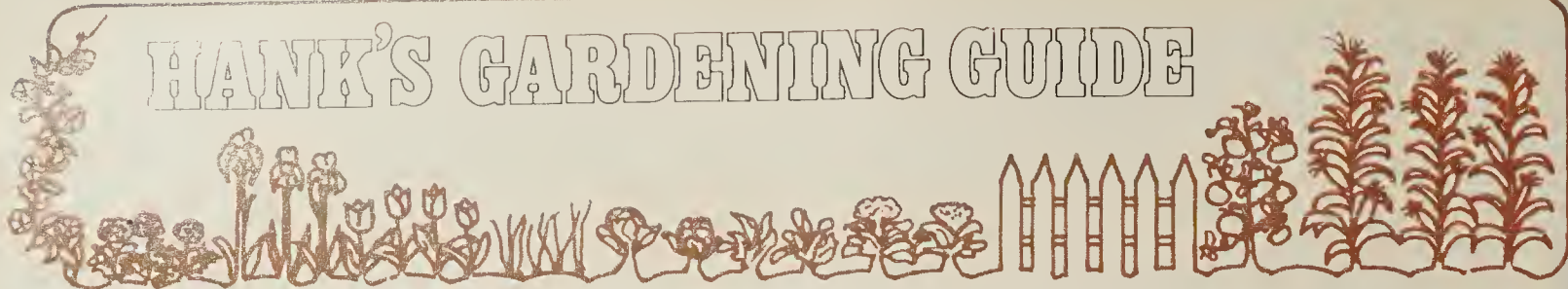
Smugly and winking knowingly to each other, the devious anglers make a proposition: "If you can find 20 worms in the next 10 minutes you can go with us."

Leaping to the opportunity, the little boy sets about the business of digging bait.

Minutes before the deadline, he loudly demands witnesses to his successful search. Laid out in neat rows on the sidewalk are the remains of four earthworms, each cut into five equal segments.



# HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE



The cool weather of November changes the pace of gardening activities. Weekly chores of plant maintenance become less important as planting and clean-up activities take over. Check stakes and ties on newly set trees to be sure they are in proper repair and will support plants against strong winter winds.

## Deciduous Shrubs

Most of the spring-flowering shrubs that lose their leaves over winter will grow if planted now. Among these are forsythia (yellow or golden bells), flowering quince, the spirea group, deutzias, early-flowered jasmine and Scotch broom.

## Color Through Summer

Color in many gardens is a spring-time-only thing. This need not be true. By planting just a few of the great variety of shrubs, vines and trees available, you can have color around your home all summer.

And don't forget to include a few plants for autumn's colorful foliage. Also, include some for winter color from berries.

## Watering

If rainfall has been scant in your area, don't forget to water evergreen and shallow-rooted trees and shrubs.

Give special attention to azaleas, camellias, dogwoods and Oriental or saucer magnolias.

## Windbreaks and Screens

A good location for evergreen trees that branch all the way down to the ground is toward the back or near the borders of large yards. Good examples are Southern magnolia and Deodar cedar. Better choices in mountainous areas are white pine and hemlock.

Such trees often serve as windbreaks and thus make the house easier to heat.

## Don't Starve House Plants

Even though indoor plants are fertilized and watered, they still can be starving for food.

House plants, like all plants, must have light to manufacture food from fertilizer. Therefore, light—rather than fertilizer—is the limiting factor for most plants. During winter months, indoor plants actually will be light-starved.

But, you can help plants make the best of the light they do receive. Keep leaves clean; wash them with water if necessary. The plants will look better and their leaves will be better able to manufacture food.

## Pest Control

If snails and slugs become a problem as cool weather begins, set out bait frequently. If you prefer not to use manufactured chemicals, wood ashes are reported to give good results. Sprinkle only a small amount around the plants or plant beds to be protected; the slugs and snails do not readily cross over it.

## Forcing Tulips and Daffodils

Plant a few tulip and daffodil bulbs in clay pots to force into bloom during the winter. Such flowers will add much cheer during dull winter days.



Use good potting soil. Place three to five bulbs per pot, depending upon size of bulbs. Bury the pots in trenches outdoors. Leave tops of pots about six to eight inches below soil line.

Place dead leaves on top of the pots and fill trench with soil. Leave for six weeks. Then bring pots indoors and place in a sunny window. Apply very little water.

When flower stalks appear, fertilize with a complete fertilizer.

If you have problems with rodents,

place a frame of wire mesh over pots before filling the trench with soil.

## Starting Lawns

If you're going to establish cool-season lawn grass (fescue, bluegrass), do it as soon as possible to take advantage of the warm fall weather that is left.

## Liming

If a soil test indicates that lime is needed in your vegetable garden or on your lawn, November is a good time to apply it.

Spread the recommended amount evenly over the surface. Lime works very slowly into the soil.

## Evaluate Plants

As you select trees and shrubs for the landscape development of a property, it is worthwhile to consider the year-round landscape effect. Strive to avoid seeing only a single feature such as the flower, fruit or autumn color. These are temporary while the plant is evaluated on a 52-week-a-year basis.

It is wise to learn the ultimate height, growth habits, form, texture, rate of growth and cultural requirement. For fewer problems in maintenance, choose only those plants which are reliably hardy in your area.

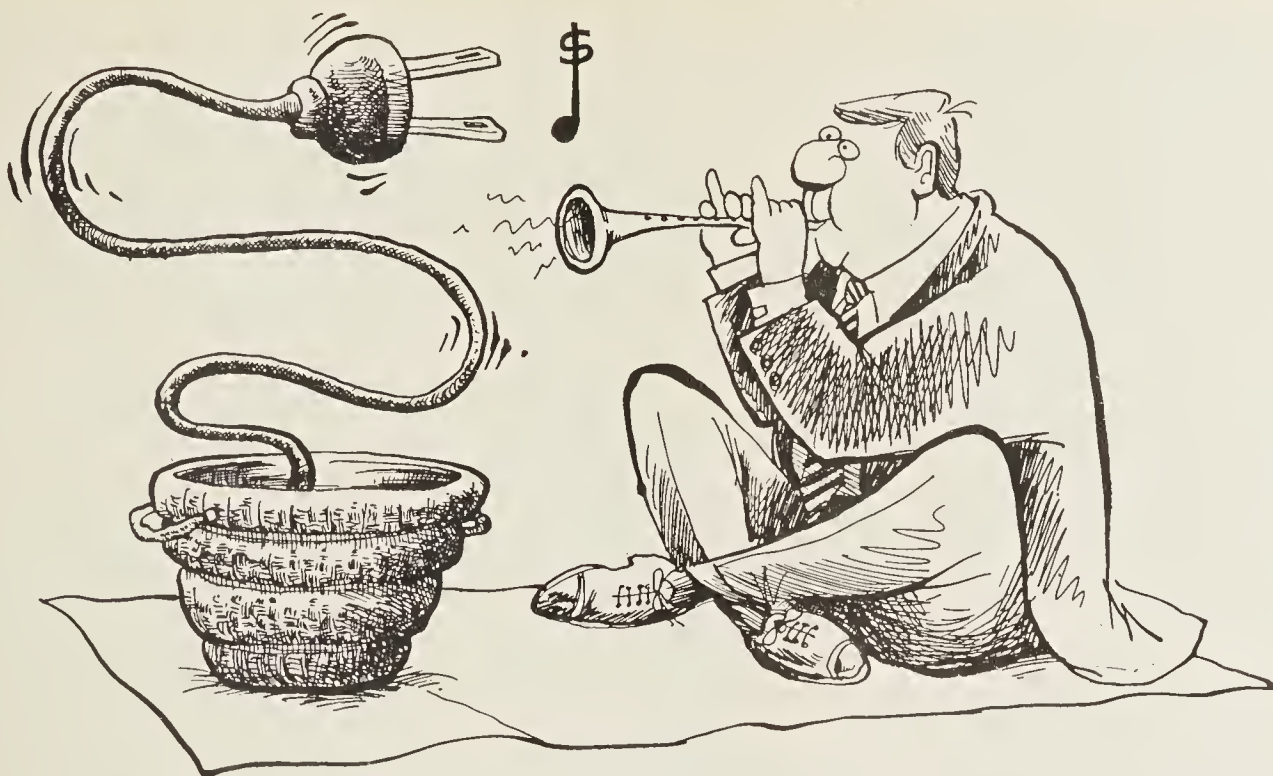
## Preparing A New Home For A Tree Or Shrub

As you dig a planting hole, be certain that the size is somewhat larger than the root-system or ball of the plant. If soil is not fertile, dig a much larger hole and add good garden loam or woods earth to the hole.

Never put manure into the planting hole. Instead, apply manure on top as a mulch after the planting is complete. Always use old decayed manure. Commercial fertilizer should not be placed in the planting hole. Rather, apply it as a top dressing in the spring.

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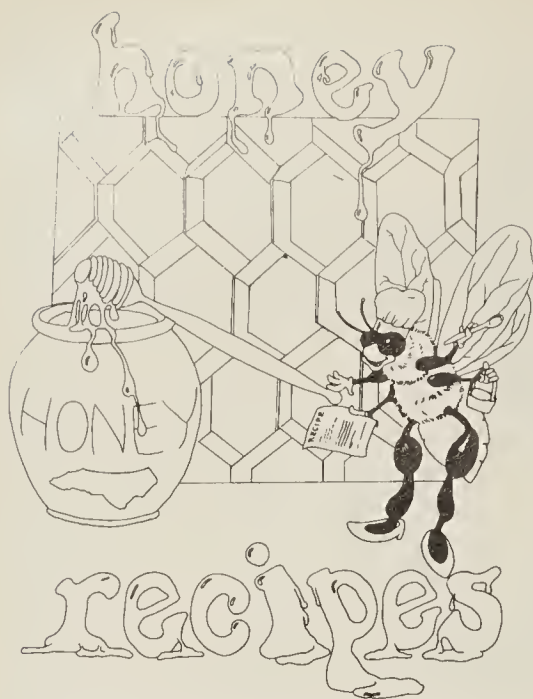
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Mrs. Selph said the project has been under way for the past 15 years, but the cookbook has proven to be "well worth the wait."

Financing to get the book published came from donations and fund-raising projects, including a sizeable contribution from the women of the Durham County beekeeping club.

"They sewed a 'cathedral window' quilt, which they then raffled off after over 100 people sold tickets. Indeed, their efforts were doubled when the initial winner donated it for yet another raffle."

In addition, the cover illustration (above) and other drawings used in the book were done by members of the West Durham Girl Scout Day Camp.

The cookbook is priced at \$10, including postage and handling. Order copies from the N.C. Beekeepers Association, Dr. John T. Ambrose, Executive Secretary, 1403 Varsity Drive, N.C. State University, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Agriculture Science Fund at NCSU for entomology scholarships.

## Honey Sweetner

2½ cup honey

½ cup boiling water

Mix the honey with boiling water in a saucepan and bring to a boil for one minute. Store in a closed jar in the refrigerator. Use as needed in tea or coffee. Yield: 3 cups. It will keep several days.

## Apple Batter Coffeecake

¾ cup butter or margarine,  
divided

1½ cup applesauce, divided

¼ cup warm water

1 package yeast

⅞ cup honey, divided

2 eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp. salt

1 cup quick-cooking oats

½ cup coconut

1 tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp. nutmeg

½ cup nuts (any kind)

¼ cup brown sugar

3 glace cherries, sliced

Melt butter, stir in 1 cup applesauce and ½ cup honey. Combine water and yeast. Add 2 tablespoons honey. Stir until yeast is dissolved. Beat eggs in a large mixing bowl; add applesauce and yeast mixtures, flour and salt to the eggs. Beat on medium speed of electric mixer or 300 strokes by hand. Stir in oats. Cover. Let rise in a warm place (85°) until double in size. Beat dough about 25 strokes. Spread dough evenly in two 8" x 8" x 2" pans. Mix 2 tablespoons butter, ¼ cup honey, remaining applesauce, coconut, cinnamon and nutmeg; spread evenly on the dough. Sprinkle with nuts and sugar. Decorate with the cherries. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

## Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups sweet potatoes, mashed

¼ cup honey

2 eggs, beaten

½ tsp. salt, optional

¼ cup butter, melted

1½ tsp. vanilla

½ cup milk

### Topping:

½ cup sugar

1/3 cup whole wheat flour

1 cup pecans, chopped

5 Tbsp. butter, melted

Measure the sweet potatoes into a mixing bowl. Add honey, eggs, salt, butter, vanilla and milk, mixing well. Spoon into a buttered 13" x 9" x 2" casserole dish. In a separate bowl, mix sugar, flour, nuts and butter. Spread the topping evenly over the potatoes. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Serves 12.

## North Carolina Pork Roast

### Sauce

¼ cup tomato sauce

¼ cup honey

¼ cup Heinz 57 sauce

Place 4 or 5 pork chops in a 13" x 9" x 2" baking dish. Combine sauce ingredients and pour over the chops. Cover with heavy-duty foil and bake at 400° for one hour. Serves four.



## Check Your Heating System

# Time To Prepare For Winter Cold

The temperatures have been cool enough already to provide sufficient warning that it's time to prepare for winter.

One of the first steps in this preparation is a thorough inspection of your home heating system.

Here are some suggestions from Agricultural Extension Service engineers at North Carolina State University:

If your furnace is fueled by oil or gas, have the maintenance contractor clean the furnace and flue outlets, check the blower belt for tension and wear, oil the motor, change or clean the filters, check combustion and safety devices and make other adjustments or tests recommended in your owner's manual.

Have an efficiency test made to make sure the furnace is operating at peak efficiency.

If you have a gas furnace, have the pilot light checked for a clean, blue flame. Also, have the sensing unit cleaned.

You can do several things to keep your furnace running efficiently. Check filters every two months during the heating season. Clean or replace as needed. Clean fan blades annually. Keep the area around the furnace housing free of dust, lint and litter.

Learn to recognize signs of trouble such as odors, soot at the burner, black smoke rising from the chimney or surging water in a boiler gauge, which indicates a malfunction or improper adjustment. Get professional help.

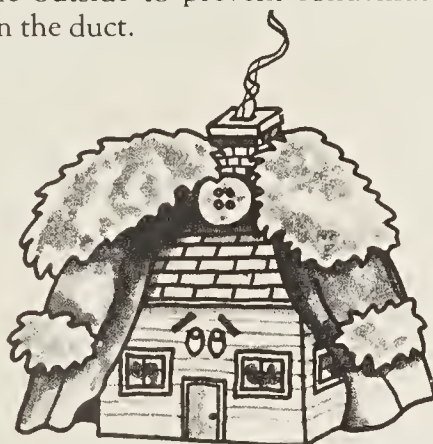
If one area of the house gets more heat than it needs, or if some rooms become hot before others are even warm, your heating system needs to be balanced. Have this done by a heating service specialist.

If you find a leak in a heating duct, this can easily be repaired with good duct tape.

Heating ducts and water or steam

pipes passing through unheated areas such as attics, crawl spaces and basements should be covered with insulation with at least an R-11 rating.

If the ducts are used for air conditioning as well as heating, use faced insulation. Place the vapor barrier on the outside to prevent condensation on the duct.



Because they are integral parts of your heating system, registers and radiators also require special care and attention. Vacuum them regularly. Also, adjust hot air registers, or the

control louvers on hot water baseboard systems, to satisfy your heating needs. If your registers aren't adjustable, consider replacing them.

Bleed air from hot water system radiators annually. Open each radiator valve, hold a cup under it and keep it there until water comes out. Don't drain the water. You only need to remove the air, which inhibits water circulation.

Paint radiators with a special radiator paint for top performance. Metallic paints and casings built around radiators reduce heat transfer as much as 25 percent.

Install a sheet of metal or aluminum foil behind radiators near cold walls so heat will be reflected into the room.

Finally, the NCSU agricultural extension specialists suggest inspecting chimneys, flues and flashing each fall for loose bricks and mortar, cracked linings and leaks. Make repairs before firing up.

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## Communities Set Christmas Tours Of Historic Homes

Two historic North Carolina communities have scheduled special holiday season tours of homes in early December.

Historic Beaufort will present the Coastal Carolina Christmas Walk, featuring a candlelight tour of homes dating from 1767 to the early 1950s. The tour is scheduled Dec. 7 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Five homes and an antique toy display will be part of the event, which will emphasize Christmas decorations. Tickets are \$5.

For more information, write or call the Beaufort Historical Association, P.O. Box 1709, Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: (919) 728-5225.

Meanwhile, the Oakwood community in Raleigh has scheduled its 15th Annual Candlelight Tour of Historic Homes for Dec. 13-14 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Six homes decorated in the Victorian tradition will be open for the tour. Tickets, priced at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, will be available at the Oakwood Inn, 411 N. Bloodworth St., on the days of the tour.

For more information, write to Ronald G. Ellis Jr., 517 N. East St., Raleigh, NC 27604.

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*King Richard I: The Autobiography of America's Greatest Auto Racer* by Richard Petty with William Neely. Macmillan Publishing Company. 256 pages. \$17.95.

In the South, when you speak of going to the races to see "the King," everyone knows you are talking about stock car racing and Richard Petty.

In his fascinating autobiography, Richard Petty offers us an inside look at what makes a race driver tick and a personal trip back through "the good ol' days" of racing.

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The love of cars and speed was passed on in the Petty genes: to Lee, Richard and now to Kyle Petty.

Richard Petty's career is fascinating because of his record-breaking success and because of the time span involved. He has truly seen it all, from the early dirt track race, to the big-time races of today.

Petty's frankness is refreshing. Known for his calm, cool attitude, Richard tells us of the dangers, thrills, cars, drivers and the business of auto racing.

This very special man tells us that he is not ready to turn himself out to pasture yet. He says he'll hang up his helmet only when racing ceases to be a thrill and becomes a chore.

Even if you've never been to a car race, you'll find *King Richard I* hard to put down.

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*Kate Vaiden* by Reynolds Price. Atheneum Publishers. 306 pages. \$16.95.

*Kate Vaiden* (rhymes with maiden) is the sixth novel of Reynolds Price, highly acclaimed author and James B. Duke Professor of English at Duke University.

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Kate's lack of self-pity, along with her intelligence, wit and inner strength, serve her well as tools of survival. She made her choices and she walked her own line.

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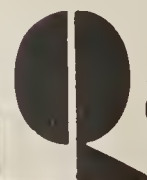
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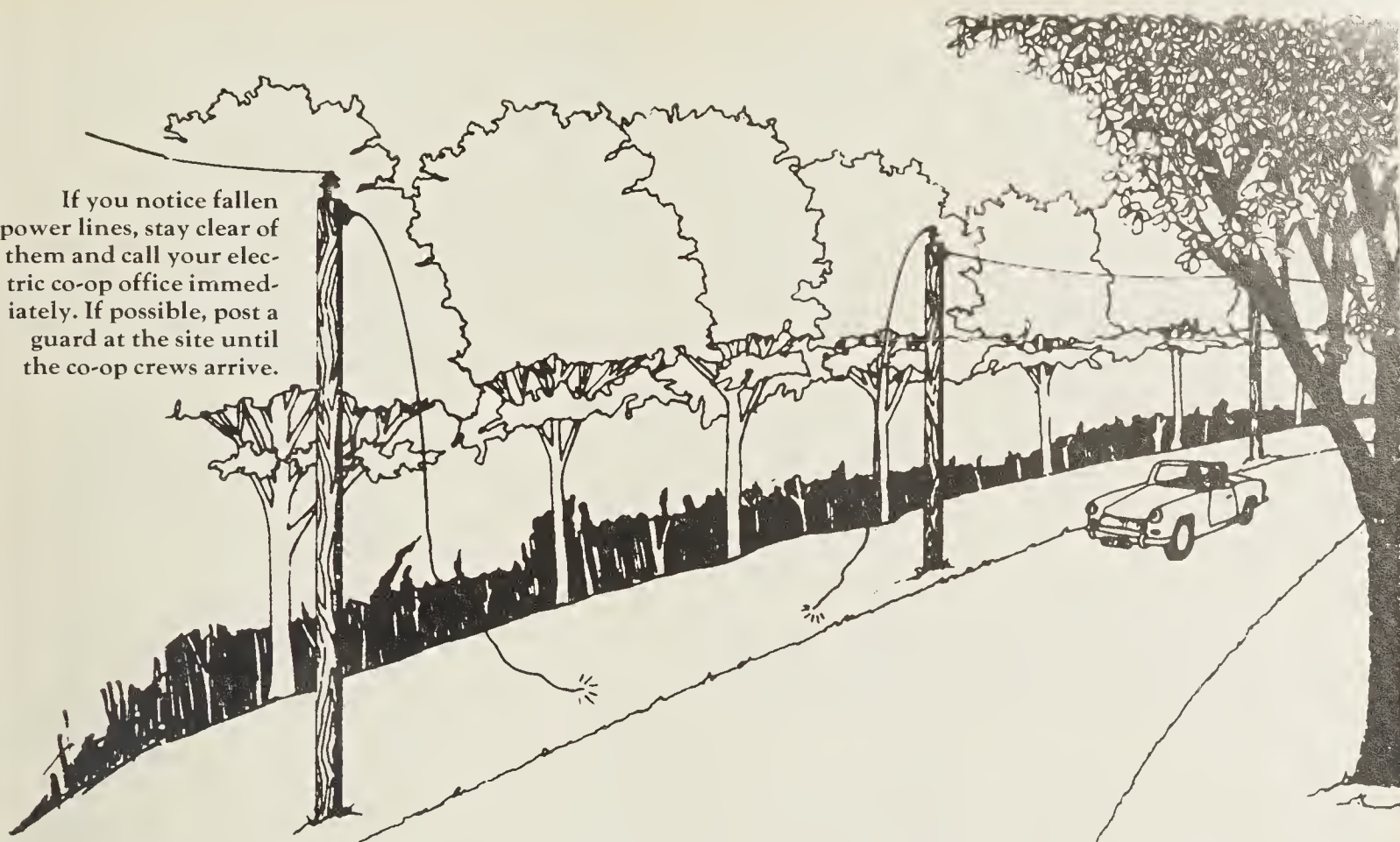
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Each year, tragic but preventable accidents occur because people come in contact with fallen power lines. The best advice to follow is: **never approach and definitely never touch, a fallen power line.**

The human body is a conductor of electricity. When moisture is present, such as with wet hands or feet, or damp grass, your body becomes a much better conductor. When your body forms a path to the ground and you come in contact with an electrical current, a shock, at least, will be the result. Sometimes the consequences will be much more severe than just a shock.

If you notice fallen power lines, post a guard to ensure that others do not come in contact with them. Then contact the nearest electric co-op or utility office. If you are alone and cannot post a guard, make every effort to contact the utility immediately. Note the location carefully, to allow the utility crews to reach the scene as quickly as possible.

If energized power lines fall across

your vehicle, no harm will come to you if you stay inside the vehicle. If you have to leave the vehicle, jump free with both feet together and without touching the car and the ground at the same time. Move away using small steps.

Do not return to the vehicle for any reason and warn others to stay away. Again, make every effort to contact the nearest electric co-op or utility office.

Keep in mind that if power lines come in contact with a tree, fence or some other object, they will electrify those objects, creating a very real hazard.

If you witness power lines coming into contact with other objects, stay clear and notify the utility. The same caution applies if the line contacts a vehicle, or if a person contacts an energized power line. Do not touch them; call your utility immediately.

Caution must also be used if a break occurs in an underground line. This will be evident through a power line interruption. The same common

sense approach applies. Note the location of the problem and call your utility.

Your utility office should also be notified if a problem arises with a padmount transformer. If the transformer door has been opened, tampered with or damaged by vehicles, call the nearest utility.

Keep a few simple rules in mind. They could save a life:

- Never approach a fallen power line.
- Post a guard near a fallen line and notify your utility.
- Do not touch an object that is contacting a fallen wire.
- If a power line falls across your vehicle, you can safely remain inside.
- If you leave the vehicle, jump free with both feet together and don't touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.
- If you have any concerns about dangers caused by fallen power lines, call your local electric co-op office immediately.

—Farm Light & Power





## How Do We Spend Our "One Precious Life?"

When former President Jimmy Carter visited Meredith College in Raleigh recently, the state and national media had a heyday with his remark about television evangelist Jerry Falwell.

Sadly, it was another example of journalistic overkill as a casual observation from Carter stirred a pointless long-distance "confrontation" with Falwell.

The former president had simply expressed his disinterest in Falwell's views, but his colorful language and the evangelist's national prominence combined to inspire media coverage throughout the country.

All the hoopla over that single comment completely overshadowed his other remarks, many of which offered sharp insights regarding America's role in world affairs.

The man from Plains was articulate and dynamic at those moments, but he was full of charm and warmth at others as he told of the many interests he and Rosalyn have pursued since they left the White House. He plays his "elder statesman" role with a quiet dignity.

He discussed many issues in his two appearances at Meredith—a question-and-answer session with the media, students and faculty and a formal address in the school's amphitheater. But I was most touched by the "personal" observations that closed his speech.

He said he'd had a varied life, "full of excitement and achievements and

disappointments and sadness. And so will you."

"God gave each one of us one life on earth," he said. "Today we're receiving the benefits of modern technology and science. On the typical day, the average American's life expectancy increases seven hours."

Thus, "we have the opportunity to live a longer life. But the question is: what do we do with this one precious life?"

With greater longevity, Americans have an opportunity for a "second life," Carter said, "with each year giving us opportunities we may never have dreamed of."

For people who're willing to continue growing and learning as they get older, a longer life can give them "a new chance for service and for expansion of life" to make their lives more useful.

The former president offered several suggestions for taking better advantage of this expanded life:

- Analyze your talents. "Spend an hour or two in a secluded place and say, 'What are my talents, what are the potentials of my life?' We can also see what our interests are."

- Be bold. "The only limits we have on our lives are the limits we ourselves place on our own lives .... The opportunities are unlimited."

- Seek help without embarrassment. "All of us have people that we admire and that we trust—and who we believe care about us. We should go to them with our problems and say, 'This is a decision I've got to make.' Seek help without restraint."

- Expect trouble. "Everybody has disappointments and setbacks and frustrations and failure—and we must accept that as part of the human condition. Take those things when they come and say, 'Okay, I'll move on to the next step. I may change my course a little, but I can't give up.'"

- Follow God's will. "How many times have you made a genuine sacrifice for the well being of others .... I can assure you that almost always, when we think we're making sacrifices, those sacrifices lead to our greatest blessings."

- Don't be afraid to fail. "If we're not attempting something at this

moment that might fail, then we have no faith in ourselves, in our cause or in the strength of our partnership with God."

"We have freedom and unlimited opportunities," Carter said in closing. "The question is: 'What am I going to do with it?' It's up to you!"

## A Book Reviewer "By Accident"

Mary Davenport of Denver in Lincoln County, who has just joined *Carolina Country's* stable of book reviewers (see "Books," page 28), says she became a reviewer "by accident."

She's an avid reader who goes through three to five books a week, many of them from the Lincoln County Library. At the suggestion of a bookmobile librarian, she began doing reviews for a new local newspaper, *The Register*.

"Unfortunately," she said, *The Register* folded soon after I started writing for them. I sometimes say I killed the paper."

By then, she'd decided she enjoyed reviewing—"it's like sharing my experience with other readers"—so she began seeking other outlets for her work.

She wrote to us because she'd been reading the magazine for years as a consumer-member of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City.

Mrs. Davenport, a Wadesboro native, said she's been able to enjoy her "obsession" with reading because of her understanding family: her husband, Dale, step-daughter Jill Davenport, who works in Charlotte and daughters LuAnn and Lisa Gardner. LuAnn is a senior at the University of California, Berkeley, and Lisa is a sophomore at East Lincoln High School in Denver.

"I hope your readers enjoy my reviews and find them helpful," she said.

—Owen Bishop



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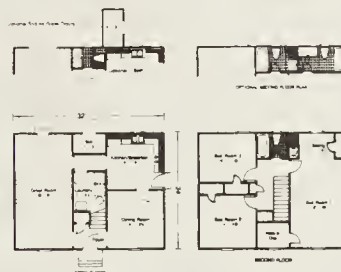
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